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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated May 19, 2004, and subsequent Advisory Action dated October 18, 2004 having a shortened statutory period set to expire on October 18, 2004. Accompanying this response is a one-month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time setting a new time for response of November 18, 2004. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification or Drawings** presented in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.